Kashmiri Pandits' desire to live in the valley

†1147. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kashmiri Pandits want to live in the valley itself instead of new township of Jammu; and

(b) if so, whether Government will suggest and direct State Government to make the same arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The policy of the Government is that the Kashmiri Pandits should return back once the conditions are conducive for their safe and dignified return. Till such time this matures, Government is eager to make their stay comfortable at Jammu. Therefore, under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan, 5242 two-roomed tenements are being constructed out of which 1024 flats are being constructed at Muthi, Purkhoo and Nagrota which are at various stages of completion. A new township has been planned at Jagti where remaining 4218 flats are being constructed with facilities like schools, health care, transport, etc. to accommodate all the families presently living in the camps and in Government/ semi-Government accommodation.

For facilitating the return of migrants who are willing to return to the valley, the Central Government approved the construction of 200 flats at Sheikhpora in Budgam District. The construction is nearing completion. The shrines in Mattan and Kheer Bhavani have been developed into two model clusters containing temporary shelters for Kashmiri migrants, where the Kashmiri migrants displaced from these places could be settled temporarily, till such time they can repair their existing residential houses. The State Government have constructed 18 flats at Mattan and 100 one-room tenements at Kheer Bhavani.

Parameters for transfers and postings of IPS officers

1148. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the parameters followed in general in the matter of transfers and postings of senior IPS officers;

(b) among competency, suitability and acceptability, which of it would weigh more and preferable; and

(c) whether there is lot of heart burning and disappointment among senior IPS officers that postings are given indiscriminately without following norms or principles and public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) IPS officers are appointed to various

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